My humble opinion is that the FCC should do away with the Element 1 credit because it is both outdated and is discouraging many Technician-class liscensees from upgrading. The fact also that the ITU no longer requires this is also significant. There will soon be many no-code amateurs on the HF bands. What difference does it make if a foreign amateur is not proficient in morse code, but the U.S. amatuer is?